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Re: SN 09/732,439 "TRANSGENIC MAIZE WITH INCREASED MANNITOL
CONTENT" - by Thomas R. Adams, et al.; Client Ref. 51207 US 12
Matter No. 10201614/DEKM:184USD1

Commissioner:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced patent application is:

- (1) A Response to Restriction Requirement dated July 26, 2002;
- (2) A Preliminary Amendment including Appendix A; and
- (3) A return postcard to acknowledge receipt of these materials. Please date stamp and mail this postcard.

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Thomas R. Adams et al.

Serial No. 09/732,439

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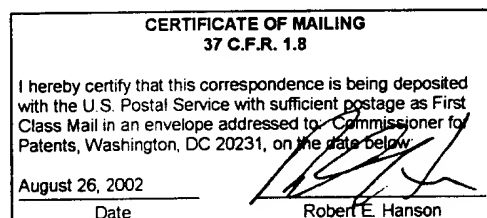
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT DATED JULY 26, 2002

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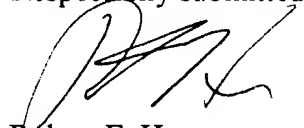
This paper is submitted in response to the Restriction Requirement dated July 26, 2002, for which the date for response is August 26, 2002. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Applicants respectfully traverse the restriction requirement and submit that, because the restricted claims recite a common osmoprotectant and water use strategy, a common search would not be burdensome or out of the ordinary. Regardless, applicants provisionally elect the subject matter of Group I comprising original claims 59 to 63. Applicants also request entry of the Preliminary Amendment filed concurrently herewith to claim 64 and claim 82, whereby these amendments are made to reference elected claim 59. As these claims would now be linked,

reconsideration of the restriction requirement and concurrent examination of Groups II and III with Group I is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,



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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Please amend the application as indicated below.

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 64 and 82 as follows:

64. (Amended) A method for producing the plant of claim 59 comprising:
- (a) introducing into cells of a monocot plant an expression cassette comprising a preselected first DNA segment encoding an enzyme which catalyzes the synthesis of the osmoprotectant proline, operably linked to a promoter functional in the monocot plant cells, to yield transformed monocot plant cells; and
 - (b) expressing the enzyme encoded by the preselected first DNA segment in the transformed monocot plant cells so as to render the transformed monocot plant cells substantially water stress tolerant or resistant.